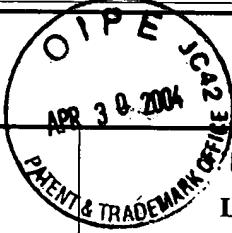


**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)**

Docket No.
HITACHI-0012

In Re Application Of: KAKIZAKI, et al.



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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of October 27, 2003 in the above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month Two months Three months Four months Five months

from: January 27, 2004 *Date* until: April 27, 2004 *Date*

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	21 -	26 =	0	x \$18.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	4 -	3 =	1	x \$86.00	\$86.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$86.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$950.00
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$1,036.00

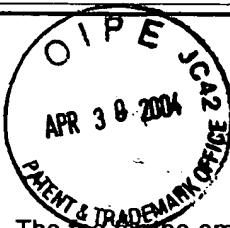
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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

A check in the amount of \$1,036.00 for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.

Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of \$1,036.00

The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.

Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.

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